GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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Cattle Rearing
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any programme to encourage the farmers of North-Eastern States, including Sikkim to take up cattle rearing, if so, the details thereof;
(b) the number of and amount of loans/ subsidies extended to farmers for the purpose of setting up/expanding a dairy, State-wise;
(c) whether the Government has received complaints about subsidy/funds not being released in a timely manner in dairy projects, if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon; and
(d) the details of the study conducted by the Government on the profit potential of a new dairy?

Answer

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIYA)
(a) In order to complement and supplement the efforts made by the State for rearing and developing dairy animals including cattle, Government of India is implementing following schemes in the country: i) Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme ii) National Programme for Bovine Breeding & Dairy Development; iii) Livestock Health & Disease Control; and iv) National Livestock Mission. North Eastern States including Sikkim are participating under these schemes.

(b) The number of and amount of loans/ subsidies extended to farmers under the scheme, Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme for the purpose of setting up/expanding a dairy, State-wise is given at Annexure-I.
(c) The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries has, so far, received 6 VIP references raising the issue relating to delay in release of subsidy during the period from 2012-13 to 2015-16. These references have been examined by the Department and replies have been furnished by this Ministry in each case that delay in release of subsidy is due to inadequacy of annual budget under the scheme.
(d) As reported by ICAR that based on primary data from 300 dairy farmers in East Khasi and Ri Bhoi districts of Meghalaya, the cost of milk production from local and crossbred cattle worked out to be Rs 36.8/lit and Rs 17.75/lit, respectively (at 2012-13 prices). Although the average productivity of local cows is very low in the region (1.23 lit/day), yet farmers could cover their operating cost of production (Rs 21.51/day/animal) from the sale of milk. In case of crossbred cows, the profitability is very good as milk yield is close to 9/lit/day and sale price of milk is over Rs 34/lit.